"The Hindustan Times" dated 8th November, 1994. caption "Vedic teachings in health care stressed", at the first interdisciplinary academic conference held on October 28 and 29, 1994 in Columbia University discussing specifically on contribution from India's three and half millannia of scientific tradition and achievements:

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating number of participants from India and elsewhere:

(c) whether the above conference had achieved any major steps towards changing prevailing perspectives about health care and medicines as suggested in Vedas; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto and contribution that is likely to be made in near future both in India and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Spread of falciparum Malaria

2275. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of malaria registered in the country in the last three years with State-wise break-up;

(b) what is the number of cases which belong to plasmodium falciparum in the last three years with State-wise break-up;

(c) what is the response of the Ministry to the widespread Press Report about the massive incidents of malaria and specifically the dreaded Falciparum variety in Western Rajasthan;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Human Resource Development had severely reprimanded the Health Ministry for the weaknesses in the National Malaria Eradication Programme consecutively for two years; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in rectifying the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A Statement is given as Annexure [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure No 52].

(c) During September/October, 1994 there was an increase in Malaria and P. falciparum cases in Western Rajasthan which has been brought under control,

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The Committee made certain observations relating to increasing allocations for malaria control need to intensify control measures in tribal areas and deal with Kala-azar in Bihar. Measures have been initiated to achieve these goals.

Emergency night services in CGHS Dispensaries

2276. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether emergency night services in some of the CGHS dispensaries have been stopped; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The emergency night services have been discontinued only in CGHS dispensary at Faridabad due to repeated requests from the Area Welfare Officer of that dispensary.

Strike by Doctors of Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospitals of New Delhi

2277. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stae:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors including the resident doctors at Sucheta Kriplani Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital in the capital went suddenly on a protest strike on the 10th November, 1994, alleging that a number of doctors among them have had contracted viral hepatitis;

(b) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the said allegations of the doctors and if so, the findnigs thereof;

(c) specific steps, if any, taken to prevent recurrence of break out of infectious diseases in the Government hospitals in particular, in future;

(d) whether it is a fact that owing to the doctors strike in Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospitals of New Delhi, patients in large number in both the hospitals were forced to leave the hospitals;

(e) if so, the number of patients, who were forced to leave, their respective age and ailments of each of them for treatment of which they had been admitted in the hospitals; and

(f) arrangements if any, made for continuity of medical care for them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Hospital